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# News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In June 2003, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a total of **five (5) recalls relating to products affecting children**. Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past two months.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128**. You should leave your name, your organization's name and a phone number.

Following is a listing of the 5 "KIDS" recalls by title and identification number:

- ❖ Babi Italia/LaJobi Industries is recalling "Tiffany" & "Josephine" Crib Drop-Side Rails for Replacement. #03-137
- ❖ Creative Kids Inc. is recalling Children's Art Supply Sets. #03-138
- ❖ Trisonic is recalling Nightlights. #03-141
- ❖ Fisher-Price is recalling Crib Mobile Toys. #03-146
- ❖ Dorel Juvenile Group Inc. is extending recall of Infant Car Seats/Carriers. #03-148

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

## "KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

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**Release Number:** 03-137 Babi Italia, a division of LaJobi Industries Inc., of Edison, N.J., is voluntarily recalling to replace crib drop-side rails for about 2,000 "Tiffany" and "Josephine" model cribs. The "Tiffany" and "Josephine" model cribs are made of solid natural wood with a chest of drawers attached to the footboard. The cribs can be converted into a toddler bed and an adult bed. The Tiffany cribs were manufactured from June through October 2001 and the Josephine cribs were manufactured from January through October 2001. The crib manufacture date code is located on the inside bottom of the headboard. The four middle numbers inside the eight-digit production number indicate the month and year of manufacture. Tiffany cribs with production date codes (four middle numbers) 0601, 0701, 0801, 0901 and 1001 and Josephine cribs with production date codes (four middle numbers) 0101, 0201, 0301, 0401, 0501, 0601, 0701, 0801, 0901, and 1001 are included in the recall. Babies R Us sold the recalled cribs exclusively from July 2001 through January 2003 for about \$500.

**Problem:** The slats on the drop-side rails can come loose or detach. A child's head can get caught in the space left by loose or missing slats, presenting an entrapment hazard. In addition, children can fall through the slat opening.

**What to do:** Consumers should stop using these cribs immediately and contact LaJobi immediately to receive replacement drop-side rails. Consumers should contact LaJobi at (877) 440-2224 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday. Consumers also can visit the firm's Web site at [www.babiitalia.com](http://www.babiitalia.com)



• <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03137.html>

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**Release Number:** 03-138 Creative Kids Inc of Monsey, N.Y. is voluntarily recalling about 1,400 Children's Art Supply Sets. The 87-piece art supply sets were sold in solid wood grain boxes. The sets contain crayons, markers, scissors, water and oil paints, brushes, etc. A label on the box reads "JUMBO ART CASE 87 pieces" and "Item No. 11519." The sets were manufactured in China. The sets were sold at Bigg's stores in Ohio and Kentucky from August 2002 through March 2003 for about \$16.

**Problem:** The sets contain mini-cutters with razor blades which pose a laceration hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. Consumers should remove the mini-cutters from the set and return them to Creative Kids to get a free pack of colored paper clips. Call Creative Kids toll-free at (888) 678-8697 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.

• <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03138.html>

**Release Number:** 03-141 Trisonic/Eastern America Trio Products of Flushing, N.Y. is voluntarily recalling about 12,000 Trisonic Nightlights. The recalled nightlights have a yellow exterior shaped like a smiley face. A label on the back of the nightlight reads, "Trisonic, 4W/120V custom made in China for Trisonic, Queens, NY, TS-45431." The nightlights were manufactured in China. Dollar stores in the eastern portion of the United States between April 2001 through March 2003 for about \$1.

**Problem:** The nightlight poses a serious electrocution, electric shock, burn and fire hazard to consumers.

**What to do:** Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. Consumers should mail the night light to Trisonic/Eastern America Trio Products,

11-11 131st St., P.O. Box 527018, Flushing, NY 11352, for a full refund plus the cost of postage.

Call Trisonic at (800) 661-7146 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03141.html>

**Release Number:** 03-146 Fisher-Price of East Aurora, N.Y. is voluntarily recalling about 233,000 crib mobile toys. These are Sparkling Symphony™ Mobile crib toys that attach to the crib side rail and play music and lights that are activated by remote control. Four star and moon characters are suspended from the mobile, which turns. The recalled toys have model number 71985 found on both the lower arm of the mobile and the back of the remote control. The Fisher-Price logo appears at the top of the upper arm, over the silver decoration. The recalled mobiles were manufactured from October 1999 through November 2000. A date code is located on the upper arm of the mobile and on the back of the remote control. Consumers should contact Fisher Price with their date code to determine if their mobile is part of the recall. The crib mobile toys were manufactured in China. Discount department stores and toy stores nationwide sold these mobiles between December 1999 and December 2001 for about \$25.

**Problem:** If batteries used in the mobile leak, the caustic liquid can seep out of the battery compartment, posing a risk of chemical burns to babies. **What to do:** Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. Firm providing free repair kits containing a seal for the battery compartment, which will prevent battery leakage. Consumers can contact Fisher-Price toll-free at (800) 357-9460 anytime or visit [www.service.mattel.com](http://www.service.mattel.com) to determine if product

is among the recalled models and to order the free repair kit if needed.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03146.html>

**Release Number:** 03-148 Dorel Juvenile Group Inc., of Columbus, Ind., is again voluntarily recalling Cosco Arriva and Turnabout infant car seats/carriers to address a problem with the carry handle. On July 8, 1999, the two federal agencies and Cosco, now known as the Dorel Juvenile Group, announced the recall of 670,000 of these infant car seat/carriers made from March 1995 through September 1997. This recall adds 1.2 million of the same model infant car seats/carriers made through January 2000. The recalled car seats/carriers were sold under the Cosco Arriva and Turnabout brand names and were manufactured by Dorel Juvenile Group in the U.S. The car seat/carriers have the following model numbers:

ARRIVA

02-665 02-727 02-728  
02-729 02-731 02-732  
02-733 02-750 02-751  
02-755 02-757 02-774

TURNABOUT

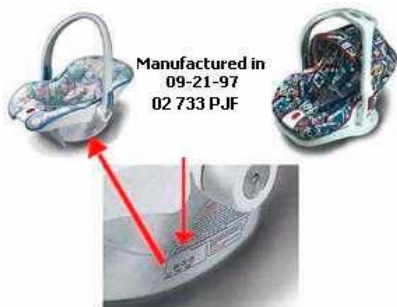
02-753 02-756 02-758  
02-759 02-760 02-761  
02-762 02-763 02-764  
02-765 02-770 02-771  
02-772

The model number and manufacture date are located on the instruction and warning label on the side of the car seat/carrier. The recalled seats were manufactured on or before Jan. 31,

2000. Juvenile product, mass merchandise, department stores and major discount stores nationwide sold the Arriva and Turnabout infant car seats/carriers from Sept. 10, 1997 through December 2000 for between \$30 and \$60 when sold alone or \$90 to \$140 when sold with strollers. The recalled seats are no longer available for purchase.

**Problem:** When the seat is used as a carrier, the plastic handle locks can unexpectedly break or release from the carrying position, causing the seat to unlatch or flip forward. When this happens, an infant can fall to the ground and suffer injuries.

**What to do:** Consumers should continue to use the Arriva and Turnabout as a car seat but should stop using it as a carrier immediately and contact Dorel Juvenile Group to receive a free repair kit. Consumers should call Dorel at (800) 880-9435 between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or by going to the firm's Web site at [www.djgusa.com](http://www.djgusa.com). Consumers with questions about the recall campaign can call the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Auto Safety Hotline at (888) DASH-2- DOT (327-4236). Consumers also can call the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Hotline at (800) 638-2772 for more information.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03148.html>

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If you have any questions or want to file a complaint regarding an unsafe product, contact:

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